GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Promotion of Sanskrit Language
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has evolved a strategy to promote learning of Sanskrit and Indian languages in their respective State Universities;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the measures taken by the Government to promote teaching of Sanskrit language in public and private schools in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The State Universities are autonomous bodies and governed by the relevant Act Statutes & Ordinances and are competent to take decisions on Academic matters. However, this Ministry has constituted a Committee on 18.11.2015 under the chairmanship of Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, to suggest a long term vision and roadmap for the development of Sanskrit which is to submit its report within three months from its constitution. Another Expert Committee on Language was constituted on 29.12.2014 for giving its recommendations for deciding the Comprehensive Language Policy for the country, which is to submit its report within one year from its constitution.
(c) Does not arise.
(d) In Schools affiliated to CBSE in all States, Sanskrit is introduced in class VI on optional basis. Interested students can further study Sanskrit as a subject for the next four years i.e. in classes IX to XII.